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### U.S. Turkey Eggs in Incubators & Poult Placement

Turkey eggs in incubators on October 1, 2004, in the United States totaled 26.7 million, 5 percent below October 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 5 percent below the September 2004 total of 28.3 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 1 percent, West North Central down 6 percent, North and South Atlantic down 5 percent, South Central down 11 percent, and West up 5 percent. The 21.3 million poults placed during September 2004 in the United States were down 4 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 10 percent from the August 2004 total of 23.7 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 12 percent, West North Central down 7 percent, North and South Atlantic up 1 percent, South Central up 5 percent, and West down 1 percent.

#### Eggs in Incubators: First of Month by Region and United States, October 2004 with Comparisons

Geographic Division	Oct 1 2003	Sep 1 2004	Oct 1 2004	Percent of Previous Year	Percent of Previous Month
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
E N Central	4,374	4,478	4,345	99	97
W N Central	11,247	*11,127	10,533	94	95
N & S Atlantic	8,506	8,539	8,092	95	95
S Central	2,342	2,301	2,079	89	90
West	1,612	1,843	1,695	105	92
US	28,081	*28,288	26,744	95	95

#### Poults Placements: Entire Month by Region and United States, September 2004 with Comparisons <sup>1</sup>

Geographic Division	Sep 1 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Percent of Previous Year	Percent of Previous Month
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
E N Central	3,559	3,577	3,125	88	87
W N Central	8,796	*9,282	8,200	93	88
N & S Atlantic	6,608	6,622	6,668	101	101
S Central	1,758	1,873	1,839	105	98
West	1,450	2,320	1,436	99	62
US	22,171	*23,674	21,268	96	90

\*Revised.

<sup>1</sup>Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region, and not the actual location of the birds after placement.

## U.S. Cold Storage Highlights

**Frozen food stocks** in refrigerated warehouses on September 30, 2004 were greater than year earlier levels for chicken, beef, eggs, fruit, orange juice, and cheese. Butter stocks were down 16 percent from last month and down 35 percent from a year ago.

**Total red meat supplies** in freezers were up 6 percent from last month and up 9 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were up 9 percent from last month, but down 2 percent from the previous year. Stocks of pork bellies were down 25 percent from last month, but up 12 percent from last year.

**Total frozen poultry supplies** on September 30, 2004 were 1 percent below the previous month, but 3 percent above a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 7 percent from the previous month and up 27 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were down 12 percent from last month and down 18 percent from September 30, 2003.

#### Stocks in Cold Storage, United States

Commodity	Sep 30, 2003	Aug 31, 2004	Sep 30, 2004
	1,000 Pounds		
<b>Total Frozen</b>			
Eggs . . . . .	16,640	17,267	18,705
Chicken . . . . .	604,501	715,469	766,608
Turkey . . . . .	647,535	600,185	530,046
Total Poultry	1,254,960	1,316,623	1,297,527
Cherries, Tart			
RTP . . . . .	96,049	93,985	99,867
Juice . . . . .	2,438	1,991	2,722
Cherries, Sweet . .	8,846	9,141	9,729
Potatoes . . . . .	1,151,698	1,127,031	1,186,886
Beef . . . . .	379,828	445,994	463,191
Pork . . . . .	435,152	389,667	426,406
Lamb & Mutton	6,210	3,878	4,317
Total Meat . . . . .	832,125	849,458	904,620
<b>Total in Storage</b>			
Apples, Fresh . . . .	2,678,660	83,795	3,012,387
Butter . . . . .	207,175	161,025	134,858
Cheese, Natural . .			
American . . . . .	516,845	568,783	552,801
Swiss . . . . .	22,884	26,759	26,514
Other Natural . .	222,424	215,979	209,053

## Livestock Slaughter

**UTAH: Commercial red meat production** totaled 35.7 million pounds in September 2004, 13.1 percent below September of the previous year. **Cattle slaughter** in Utah for September 2004 totaled 45,500 head, 15.1 percent below a year earlier. The average live weight was 1,229 pounds, up 30 pounds from September 2003.

**Hog slaughter** totaled 3,900 head, down 1,000 head from September 2003. The average live weight was 233 pounds, up 9 pounds from the previous year. **Sheep and lamb slaughter** during September 2004 totaled 2,500 head, the same as the previous year. Average live weight, at 137 pounds, was 11 pounds above the previous year.

**UNITED STATES: Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 3.91 billion pounds in September, down 3 percent from the 4.01 billion pounds produced in September 2003. **Beef production**, at 2.10 billion pounds, was 9 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.74 million head, down 13 percent from September 2003. The average live weight was up 38 pounds from the previous year, at 1,266 pounds. **Veal production** totaled 13.0 million pounds, 15 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 67,300 head, down 18 percent from September 2003. The average live weight was 13 pounds above last year, at 321 pounds. **Pork production** totaled 1.77 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.00 million head, 5 percent above September 2003. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 265 pounds. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 16.3 million pounds, was down 4 percent from September 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 243,600 head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 133 pounds, up 2 pounds from September a year ago. **January to September 2004 commercial red meat production** was 33.8 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 2003. Accumulated beef production was down 9 percent from last year, veal was down 11 percent, pork was up 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

#### Commercial Livestock Slaughter,

##### September 2003-2004 <sup>1</sup>

Item	Utah		United States	
	September		September	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
<b>Production (Million Pounds)</b>				
Red Meat . . . .	41.1	35.7	4,014.3	3,905.3
<b>Number Slaughtered (Thousand Head)</b>				
Cattle . . . . .	53.6	45.5	3,128.9	2,735.5
Calves . . . . .	1	1	82.3	67.3
Hogs . . . . .	4.9	3.9	8,573.3	8,997.7
Sheep & Lamb	2.5	2.5	257.2	243.6
<b>Average Live Weight (Pounds)</b>				
Cattle . . . . .	1,199	1,229	1,228	1,266
Calves . . . . .	1	1	308	321
Hogs . . . . .	224	233	263	265
Sheep & Lamb	126	137	131	133

<sup>1</sup> Missing data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

US September Egg Production  
up 3 Percent

**U.S. egg production** totaled 7.32 billion during September 2004, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 6.26 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 996 million were broiler-type and 60 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2004 averaged 343 million, up 3 percent from a year earlier. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,133 eggs, up slightly from September 2003.

September 2004 and September 2003 both contained 22 weekdays, 4 Saturdays and 1 holiday.

Layers & Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type, United States, September - October 2003 - 04			
Item	2003 <sup>1/</sup>	2004	2004 as % of 2003
<b>Layers during Sep (Thousand)</b>			
All Layers	334,198	343,120	103
Table Egg Type	276,911	284,680	103
Hatching Egg Type	57,287	58,440	102
<b>Eggs per 100 Layers during Sep (Number)</b>			
All Layers	2,128	2,133	100
Table Egg Type	2,201	2,200	100
Hatching Egg Type	1,775	1,807	102
<b>Eggs produced during Sep (Million)</b>			
All Layers	7,112	7,319	103
Table Egg Type	6,095	6,264	103
Hatching Egg Type	1,017	1,056	104
Item	2003 <sup>1/</sup>	2004	2004 as % of 2003
<b>Layers on Oct 1 (Thousand)</b>			
All Layers	334,103	343,749	103
Table Egg Type	276,916	285,300	103
Hatching Egg Type	57,187	58,449	102
<b>Eggs per 100 Layers on Oct 1 (Number)</b>			
All Layers	71.2	71.3	100

<sup>1/</sup> Revised.

Agriculture Prices

**Utah:** Prices received by Utah farmers and ranchers during mid-October 2004, compared with September 2004, were down for barley and up for alfalfa hay and other hay, according to the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service.

The lamb price for September 2004 was \$105.00 per cwt, down \$11.00 from October 2003. The September 2004 sheep price, at \$38.00, was \$8.00 above October 2003.

Barley, at \$2.01 per bushel, was down from the previous month price, and 24 cents below last year. Baled alfalfa hay was \$86.00 per ton, up \$1.00 from last month and \$10.00 above last year. Other hay, at \$80.00 per ton, was \$2.00 above last month and \$20.00 above October 2003.

**United States:** The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October, at 111, based on 1990-92=100, is 4 points (3.5 percent) below the September Index. Declines occurred in both the Crop Price Index and the Livestock Price Index. The Crop Index declined 6 points (5.4 percent) from September while the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.8 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for lettuce, tomatoes, oranges, grapes, and cucumbers. Lower prices were received for corn, soybeans, hogs, broilers, and potatoes. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of soybeans, corn, and cotton offset decreased marketings of dairy, grapes, and sweet corn. The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 2 points (1.8 percent) from October 2003.

The Food Commodities Index declined 2 points (1.7 percent) from last month to 116. The index is unchanged from October 2003.

Average Prices Received by Farmers							
Commodity	Unit	Utah			United States		
		Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary
		Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004 <sup>1</sup>	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004 <sup>1</sup>
Livestock & Products							
Lambs	Dol/Cwt	94.00	105.00	( <sup>2</sup> )	96.80	101.00	( <sup>2</sup> )
Sheep	Dol/Cwt	30.00	38.00	( <sup>2</sup> )	35.00	41.80	( <sup>2</sup> )
Crops							
Barley	Dol/Bu	2.25	2.05	2.01	2.74	2.43	2.36
Alfalfa Hay, Baled	Dol/Ton	76.00	85.00	86.00	89.10	95.50	97.80
Other Hay, Baled	Dol/Ton	60.00	78.00	80.00	69.20	65.70	68.60

<sup>1</sup> Prices refer to sales occurring about the 15th of the month.

<sup>2</sup> October data will be published next month.